

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter  
7<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
*Inspiring a love for lifelong learning*



### **Safeguarding Hotspot**

Did you know that if your child consistently has 90% and below attendance over a five year period, this means that he/she would have lost the equivalent of HALF an academic year of school! PLEASE, let's all work together to give your child their right to an education, and to support them in becoming successful adults. THANK YOU.

### **Absence – sickness and upset stomach**

Just a reminder that if your child has sickness and / or an upset stomach they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout. This is to minimise the bug spreading to other children and staff. Thank you for your support.

### **MAC – Making Attendance Count**

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Badger Class with 98.3%.

Congratulations to the Top Dog winners being Woodpecker Class with 97%. Fantastic!

### **Year 4 Roman bread making!**



In Year 4 this week, we have been developing our learning about the Roman Empire through our ILP, 'I am Warrior!' We learnt how bread is made and why bread was such an important food for Roman soldiers. The rolls came out beautifully, just like the ones you can buy from a bakery shop!

### **Sporting success**

Congratulations to Luqman K who gained a silver judo award. Luqman joined an external judo club because he had enjoyed his judo experience so much at Ashford Park.



### **Environmental Health Inspection**

Our kitchen was inspected by the Environmental Health Department last week and achieved a Food Hygiene Rating of 5! Well done to our amazing kitchen staff.

### **Funding support**



We send a HUGE APPS THANK **YOU** to Mr Davis of the Royal Hanover Lodge 1777,

for their extremely kind donation of £685.00 towards the PTA Christmas fair. Mr Davis raised this money for our school during his year as Master of the Lodge – **FANTASTIC!**

**New son for Mrs Jones** (Mole Class teacher)

Mr and Mrs Jones and their daughter Lilly are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son Max, born on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Mrs Jones was an absolute teaching superstar and managed to teach all the way until four days before having her son!

### **Abbie Ayre and the Shed of Science production**



Last week year 5 took part in a production about Air Pollution. Here is a letter written to say thank you:

*To whom it may concern,*

*I am writing this letter to say a massive thank you for coming in and performing 'Abbie Ayre and the Shed of Science', to us.*

*During this performance I enjoyed Charlie's silliness and the song about pollution.*

*Most importantly, I learnt that 80% of pollution is caused by cars and traffic. The pollution causes asthma and other respiratory problems.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Master Dylan B*

*P.S. After today's performance I am going to try and help pollution by walking to school.*

### **Is your child starting school in September 2019?**

If your child was born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08/2015 you will need to apply for a school place between 29/10/2018 and **15/01/2019**. The quickest and easiest way to apply is online. Visit [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) to access the application form and more information on the application process. We are holding New to

EYFS 2019 Parent Tours on 8<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am and 6.00pm. Please call the office to book.

### **Sharing our Learning Coffee Mornings**

Following our extremely successful 'Sharing Our Learning' mornings, we are looking forward to inviting you in again to share more of your children's fantastic learning.

We have considered your feedback and have decided to split the key stages, to prevent the hall from becoming too busy. We have also decided to do the Early Years and KS1 session in the afternoon so that parents can take their children home with them at the end of the day, avoiding any upset. The sessions will be held on Wednesday 9th January. Timings as follows:

**Years 3, 4, 5 and 6:** Refreshments and time to meet other parents in the hall from 8.45am; into classes at 9.10 am  
**Reception, Years 1 & 2:**

Refreshments and time to meet other parents in the hall from 2.15 pm;

into classes at 2.30pm. You will be able to take your child home after the afternoon session but please wait for the teacher to dismiss the class as normal so that they do not worry about where your child has gone.



We have started a new year with the Living Streets WOW Scheme. The children can earn a new badge each month by coming to school in a healthy way. In November the children of Ashford Park Primary School earned 297 badges and were able to see how they did using the Travel Tracker.



This month's top 5 winners are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kestrel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Skylark
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Robin and Kingfisher
- 4<sup>th</sup> Badger and Heron
- 5<sup>th</sup> Deer and Woodpecker

The children need to arrive in school once a week in a healthy way and log this information in class to earn themselves a badge. Come on children we can beat that during December and earn a new badge!

### EYFS Mud Kitchen

EYFS are looking to update their mud kitchen and are looking for donations of any pots, pans, baking trays, sieves / colanders, wooden spoons and kitchen utensils. If you have any items you no longer need, they would be much appreciated.

### Alchemy Island – Fantastic Home learning teamwork!

“We built the island of Alchemy on Minecraft. Firstly, Jude built the Kingdom of Winterbourne, he used mossy stone, snow, green stained glass panes and lights.

Secondly, Dylan built Dragon Vine Towers in the Kingdom of Jungle West, he used stone bricks, acacia slabs and iron bars. In the Kingdom of Jungle West there is fogwind swamp and copper nook. He built copper nook out of polished andensite, fogwind swamp was naturally generated. We all built rainbow dunes out of red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple concrete powder. Joe built the volcano in the Kingdom of Stormhand. In Stormhand there are mountains, strong water cove and mines. The mountains and strong water cove were naturally generated. Joe built the volcano out of iron ore, coal, lava, stone and netherack. Joe, Luke and Jude built the mine of netherack, mine cart tracks and TNT to spice things up! Luke built the Kingdom of Summerwynd. In Summerwynd there are elements of the periodic table, Iron Lake and silver shingle beach. Luke built the iron lake out of iron blocks, silver shingle beach is made out of sand and granite.

We enjoyed working together, we named the live stream best homework ever thanks to our amazing teachers (Mrs Hawkins and Mrs Hall)."

By Jude R, Dylan B, Luke H and Joe N - Skylark Class



## Certificates

Well done to the following children who have received certificates this week: Axel K, Valentina S, Lily R & Tyler R.



## INSET Days 2018/19

The planned INSET Days so far are as follows:

15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – SST joint school INSET

## December

**11<sup>th</sup>** – Reception Nativity to Parents 9.45am and 1.45pm

**12<sup>th</sup>** – KS1 Nativity to Parents 9.45am and 1.45pm

**12<sup>th</sup>** – Year 5 Hampton Court Trip

**13<sup>th</sup>** – KS2 Christmas Concert 9.45am & 3.30pm

**13<sup>th</sup>** – KS2 Christmas Concert at 5.30pm, preceded by School Choir at 5.00pm accompanied by refreshments

**17<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4 Roman Workshop Day

**19<sup>th</sup>** – Break up for Christmas at 2.00pm

## January

**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Children return to school

**8<sup>th</sup>** – Owl Class start swimming

**8<sup>th</sup>** - New to EYFS 2019 Parent Tours at 9.30am and 6.00pm

**9<sup>th</sup>** – Year 3 , 4, 5 & 6 Coffee Morning in the hall / Sharing our Learning from 8.45am, into classes at 9.10am

**9<sup>th</sup>** – Reception, Year 1 & 2 Coffee Afternoon in the hall / Sharing our Learning from 2.15pm, into classes at 2.30pm

**9<sup>th</sup>** – Heron Class start swimming

**16<sup>th</sup>** – Year 3 trip to Brooklands Museum

**25<sup>th</sup>** – Year 2 Windsor Castle trip

**29<sup>th</sup>** – Reception to Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

## February

**13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>** – Parents' Consultations

**14<sup>th</sup>** – PTA Valentines Cake Sale after school, in the spare year 5 class

**15<sup>th</sup>** – INSET Day

**18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>** Half term

## March

**W/beg 4<sup>th</sup>** – World Book Week

**7<sup>th</sup>** – World Book Day

**11<sup>th</sup>** – Year 2 Animal Roadshow Onsite Workshop

**12<sup>th</sup>** – Kidscape Anti-bullying Workshops

**19<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4 Butser Farm trip

**22<sup>nd</sup>** – Oliver Twist theatre production for whole school

**27<sup>th</sup>** - Reception to Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

**27<sup>th</sup>** – Year 2 & 6 SATs Information Evening in classrooms 3.30pm & 5.30pm

## April

**5<sup>th</sup>** – Break up for Easter at 2.00pm

**23<sup>rd</sup>** – Children return to school

**26<sup>th</sup>** – PTA Toy & Uniform Sale (second hand) in the hall 3.15pm